

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The following discussion addresses the issues in the order in which they have been raised in the Office Action.

Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 17-19 stand rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,389,539 to Hamilton II, et al. This rejection is now moot as those claims have been canceled in this amendment.

The amendment here also makes some clarifications to the claims without introducing any new matter.

CONCLUSION

As all claims except the rejected claims 17-19 have been indicated as allowable, Applicants respectfully request that a notice of allowance be issued at the earliest possible date.

It should be noted that not all of the assertions made in the Office Action, particularly those with respect to the dependent claims, have been addressed here, in the interest of conciseness. Applicants reserve the right to challenge any of the assertions made in the Office Action by the Examiner, with respect to the relied upon art references and how they would relate to Applicants' claim language, including the right to swear behind or otherwise remove an improper art reference.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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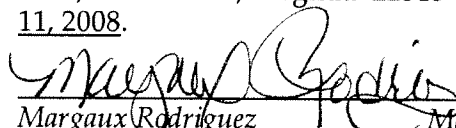
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